Branch of Public Sector	Employment (in million)		
	2003	2004	2005
Central Government	3.13	3.03	2.94
State Govt.	7.37	7.22	7.20
Quasi Govt. (Central)	3.18	3.30	3.29
Quasi Govt. (State)	2.72	2.52	2.46
Local Bodies	2.18	2.13	2.12
TOTAL:	18.58	18.20	18.01

(b) and (c) There was no such target set.

Programme to create new posts in Central Government offices

2598. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed youths registering their names in the employment exchanges all over the country upto 31st December, 2007;

(b) whether the Central Government has any definite plan and programme to create new posts in the Central Government offices and organisations during the year 2008-09;

(c) how many vacant posts are therein the offices of the Central Government and its organisations, as existing and also as declared void upto 31st January, 2008; and

(d) the details of the vacant posts and the steps taken to fill them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The number of youth in the age-group of 15—29, all of whom may not necessarily be unemployed, registered with employment exchanges in the country as on 31.12.2005 was 27.83 million.

(b) to (d) Such data is not maintained centrally.

ESI hospital in Tamil Nadu

2599. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ESI hospitals functioning in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether any new hospitals are proposed to be started in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) There are nine ESI hospitals functioning in the State of Tamil Nadu as under:—

1. ESI Hospital, Coimbatore
2. ESI Hospital, Aynavaram, Chennai
3. ESI Hospital, Madurai

4. ESI Hospital, K.K. Nagar, South Chennai

5. ESI Hospital, Vellore

6. ESI Hospital, Sivakasi

7. ESI Hospital, Salem

8. ESI Hospital, Hosure

9. ESI Hospital, Tiruchirapally

Out of the above hospitals, ESI Hospital at K.K. Nagar, Chennai is directly run by the ESI Corporation as Model Hospital.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Two hospitals are proposed to be started in the State of Tamil Nadu i.e. one at Tirupur and the other at Tirunelvelli.

Treatment of occupational diseases in ESI hospitals

2600. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ESI hospitals are taking care of occupational diseases;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of ESI hospitals in which the facility to treat occupational diseases is available out of total number of hospitals, State-wise; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) No, Sir. ESI Scheme is providing medical care and treatment of occupational disease to its beneficiaries. Medical care and treatment of occupational diseases is provided through a network of 144 hospitals all over the country.

(c) and (d) As stated above, the treatment is provided through a network of 144 hospitals all over the country. However, if the facilities are not available in ESI Hospitals, these are provided through tie-up arrangements with reputed Govt. and private medical institutions. In addition, the ESI Corporation has set up 4 occupational disease centres which are functioning at ESIC Model Hospitals at:

1. Basaidarapur, New Delhi (NZ)

2. Joka, Kolkata, West Bengal (EZ)

3. K.K. Nagar, Chennai, Tamil Nadu (SZ)

4. Chinchwad, Pune, Maharashtra (WZ)

These occupational disease centres are providing specialized preventive, curative and rehabilitative occupational health services to ESI beneficiaries.

The ESI Corporation has decided that w.e.f. 01.04.2008, a separate budget of Rs. 20/- per IP family unit per annum will be allocated to the State Governments over and above the